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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Jan 25, 2000

☐ This action is **FINAL**.

☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, **prosecution as to the merits is closed** in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Disposition of Claims

☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.

Of the above, claim(s) 13-16 is/are withdrawn from consideration.

☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.

☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.

☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

☒ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). 3

☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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Applicant's election of claims 1-12 in Paper No. 5 is acknowledged. Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out any errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)).

Claims 13-16 are withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner, 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

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The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371© of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

Claims 1, 2, & 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by the "Gold Tip" advertisement.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

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(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 3, 4, & 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the "Gold Tip" advertisement.

With regard to claims 3 & 4, although the "Gold Tip" advertisement does not specify the area weight of the graphite fibers, one would choose fibers that are adequately strong; one may have found that the claimed area weights are adequate. With regard to claim 6, the "Gold Tip" includes three layers of longitudinal fibers and two layers of biased fibers; it would be considered obvious to add a fourth layer of longitudinal fibers for added strength.

Claims 7 & 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the "Gold Tip" advertisement in view of Giles.

The shaft of the "Gold Tip" arrow apparently has straight sides. Giles shows that an arrow may include a tapered portion at the rear. The tapered portion may improve air flow over the shaft so the arrow will fly further. One would recognize that this would be an advantage with the "Gold Tip" arrow, so it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to include a rear tapered portion.

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Claims 10 & 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Giles.

Claims 1, 7, & 9-12 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by France '228.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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